



Royal Ulster Yacht Club

Round the Lough Series 2017

Sailing Instructions

Organising Authority

This event will be organised by Royal Ulster Yacht Club.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the RYA will apply
- 1.3. Racing Rules (RR), Race Signal A4, 35, 61.3, 62.2, & A2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, in these sailing instructions.
- 1.4. The crew number restrictions within the IRC, Quarter Ton and Sigma 33 Classes will not apply to this event.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RUYC notice board in Bangor Marina.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the scheduled of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at Bangor Marina.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 Minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP

5. Schedule of races etc

Date
Saturday 13 th May 2017
Saturday 20 th May 2017
Saturday 3 rd June 2017
Saturday 17 th June 2017
Saturday 19 th August 2017
Saturday 26 th August 2017

- 5.1. Six races are scheduled

5.2. The scheduled time of first warning signal is 11:55

6. Class Flags

Class 1	IRC	Numeral Pennant 1
Class 2	Sigma 33 Class	Numeral Pennant 2
Class 3	Restricted Sail Class (HNC & CYCA)	Numeral Pennant 3
Class 4	BLQTC Class	Code Flag Q

7. Racing Area

Racing will take place in Belfast Lough.

8. The Course

The course will be displayed on frame at the front RUYC Battery. The marks are listed in appendix A; the direction of rounding will be dependent on the background colour. Green – round the mark to starboard, Red round the mark to port.

9. Marks

9.1. Marks are RUYC & Carrickfergus SC club marks various navigation marks found in Belfast Lough.

10. The Start

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a white post with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the Northern end.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

11. The Finish

11.1. The Finishing line will be between a white post with an X top mark in front of the RUYC battery and a red inflatable buoy at the northern end.

12. Penalty System

The Exoneration Penalty and the RYA Arbitration Procedures of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. See the official notice board for details.

13. Time Limits

The time limit for all races in this series is 16:00. If a boat in a class finishes within the time limit the time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all boats in that class. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 & A4

14. Arbitration

An Arbitration System will be available for this event and competitors are recommended to resolve disputes using this method. Boats penalised under this System may accept a 20% penalty.

15. Protests & Requests for Redress

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office at RUYC. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and the protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 15.4. Notices of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5. Breaches of instructions 18, 19, 20 & rule 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches may be less than disqualifications if the protest committee so decides.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18. **Equipment & Measurement Checks**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be inspected by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19. **Radio Communication**

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20. **Prizes**

Prizes will be given as follows:

Classes with more than 6 entries	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd
Classes with between 4 & 6 Entries	1 st & 2 nd
Classes with less than 4 entries	1 st

Daily prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee

21. **Risk Statement**

Rule 4 of the RRS states: "***The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone***"

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 21.1. They are aware of the inherent risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 21.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 21.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 21.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 21.5. Provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event does not relieve them of their responsibilities.
- 21.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

22. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident

Appendix A

Number	Mark	Description
1	RUYC No 1	Red spherical buoy
2	South Briggs	North Cardinal mark approx 54.41.182N, 005.35.732W
3	RUYC No 3	Red Spherical Buoy
4	Cloghan Jetty Buoy	Green Navigation Mark South of Cloghan Jetty
5	Helens bay Buoy	Red Navigation Buoy approx 54.41.86N, 005.42.85W
6	Carrick A	Red inflatable Buoy WSW of Kilroot Power station
7	RUYC No 7	Black spherical buoy
9	Carrick C	Yellow Buoy approximately North of Rockport
11	RUYC No11	Black Spherical buoy